



Attorney Docket No. 12521-018
(formerly 57111-5104)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Title: Automated Self-Storage Reservation and
Management System

Inventor: Shoen et al.

Examiner: Saliard, Shannon S.

Serial No.: 10/087,193

Group Art Unit: 3639

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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2006, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1, 2, 4, 6-25 and 31 of the application) for prosecution on the merits. A shortened statutory period for response of one month was set. With this Response, Applicants have submitted a Petition for Extension of Time requesting a five-month extension of the due date to October 6, 2006 (as October 4, 2006 was a Saturday) and payment of the required fee.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1, 2, 4, 6-25 and 31). In the Office Action, the Examiner has concluded that restriction for examination purposes is proper, at least in part, because the claim groups "have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification." Office Action at 3. Applicants respectfully note, however, that the Examiner has classified the claims of Groups I and IV (claims 26-29) in the same class/subclass, rather than in different classes or subclasses. *See* Office Action at 2. Therefore, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement with respect to Groups I and IV because they do not have different classifications.

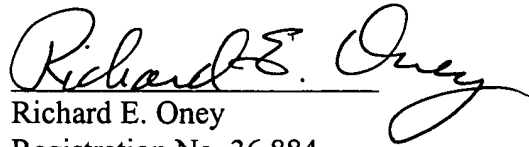
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required or to deposit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 503289. The Examiner is invited to telephone

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the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (602) 255-6094 if this would in any way facilitate prosecution of the application.

Dated: November 2, 2006

Respectfully submitted,



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